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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 15(4) OF ELECTION LAW, SECOND POSTING OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES OUTSIDE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BUILDING TOOK PLACE JULY 19. NONE OF SLATES APPROVED AT NA'S JULY 18 SESSION HAVE WITHDRAWN AND THUS ELEVEN TICKETS POSTED. ACCORDING TO ARTICLE 15(5) OF ELECTION LAW CANDIDATES DO NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO

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WITHDRAW THEIR APPLICATION FOR CANDIDACY. INTERPRETATION OF EXACT MEANING OF THIS CLAUSE MUST AWAIT A TEST CASE. AS A MINIMUM IT MEANS THAT HENCEFORTH CANDIDATES WISHING TO DROP OUT OF RACE MUST FORFEIT THEIR DEPOSIT AND REIMBURSE GVN CAMPAIGN FUNDS EXPENDED ON THEIR BEHALF. ARTICLE COULD ALSO BE INTERPRETED TO MEAN THAT SLATES MUST STAY IN RACE UNTIL THE END AND BALLOTS BEARING THEIR NAMES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO VOTERS ON ELECTION DAY, IRRESPECTIVE OF CANDIDATES' PERSONAL DESIRES.

2. AS IN CASE OF FIRST POSTING, SLATES ARE LISTED ACCORDING TO ORDER IN WHICH THEY FILED (PHAN KHAC SUU FIRST, HA THUC KY SECOND, ETC.,). THIEU AND KY, WHO AFTER FIRST POSTING WERE LIST NUMBER 13, ARE NOW LIST NUMBER 9 AS A RESULT OF DISQUALIFICATION OF 4 SLATES WHICH PRECEDED THEM. IN VIET-NAM NINE OR MULTIPLES THEREOF IS CONSIDERED A VERY LUCKY NUMBER. (THE CONSTITUTION HAS 9 CHAPTERS AND 117 ARTICLES. MANY OF THE IMPTRTANT DATES IN THE ASSEMBLY'S BRIEF HISTORY ARE ALSO MULTIPLES OF NINE.)

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3. IN OTHER ELECTION DEVELOPMENTS, THE CENTRAL ELECTION COUNCIL HAS COMPLETED CONSIDERATION OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST SENATORIAL CANDIDATES AND ITS DECISIONS WITH RESPECT TO QUALIFICATIONS OF 60 SLATES REMAINING IN RACE WILL BE MADE PUBLIC JULY 21. THERE ARE COMPLAINTS AGAINST A TOTAL OF 25 SLATES. (THIS FIGURE IS 6 HIGHER THAN ONE REPORTED IN SAIGON 896 AND EXPLAINED BY FACT THAT A NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS REACHED CENTRAL ELECTION COUNCIL AFTER JULY 7 DEADLINE BUT WERE POST-MARKED ON OR PRIOR TO THAT DAY AND THUS CONSIDERED ACCEPTABLE.) A SOURCE ON THE CENTRAL ELECTION COUNCIL HAS PREDICTED THAT APPROXIMATELY 15 SLATES WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

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